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Dear Ms. Dixon:

The Pahrump Nuclear Waste Advisory Board has developed, and the Pahrump Town Board has adopted the following three recommendations to be included as programs in the Yucca Mountain EIS and the follow on program:

1. During the next one hundred years, the federal government should fund scientists to do research on ways and means to reuse and/or make safe nuclear waste. The scientists will come up with solutions. Transmutation is an example. In the meantime, postpone for up to one hundred years, any decision on Yucca Mountain as a permanent repository. During this time, use Yucca Mountain as a retrievable storage facility, if needed. Use the Nevada Test Site and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to do research, testing and experimentation on ways and means to make it safe or reuse it.
2. On transportation, a terrorist attack on high level nuclear waste carriers is potentially the most serious. The federal government should fund engineers during the next ten to twenty years to design the protective shipping containers to withstand any terrorist attack, including bombing the trucks and trains with high explosive bombs. The Department of Energy must assure us that the containers will not break open and let nuclear waste escape, even in the worst conditions. It is further suggested that sabotage and terrorism should be addressed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission design study that is responsive to these concerns.

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- 3 3. If Yucca Mountain is chosen as a repository, the federal government should establish a permanent sampling and monitoring program with a commitment to mitigate any problems and ensure that no member of the public is ever in danger from the repository.

If you have any questions please contact Edwin R. Hanson at (775) 751-1017.

Sincerely,



Ed Bishop, Chairman
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Charles Gronda, Clerk
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